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SUBJ: MORE ON RADIO RENASCENCA/REPUBLICA

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1. RADIO RENASCENCA (RR) AND REPUBLICA CASES CONTINUE TO
FESTER. NEW DEVELOPMENTS IN RR CASE INCLUDE:

--REQUESTS BY PAPAL NUNCIO FOR APPOINTMENTS WITH PRESIDENT
AND PRIME MINISTER TO PROTEST COPCON HANDLING OF DEMONSTRATION
OUTSIDE EPISCOPAL PALACE ON JUNE 19;
--STATEMENT ISSUED BY INFORMATION OFFICE OF LISBON DIOSESE,
AND DISTRIBUTED IN CHURCHES JUNE 22, CRITICIZING COPCON HANDLING
OF JUNE 19 DEMONSTRATION;
--RELEASE TO PRESS JUNE 22 OF MESSAGE FROM POPE EXPRESSING
SOLIDARITY WITH CARDINAL PATRIARCH.

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2. SOCIALISTS CONTINUE TO SUPPORT CHURCH ON FREEDOM OF EXPRESSION ISSUE. SOARES HAS STATED SEVERAL TIMES IN PAST FEW DAYS THAT CHURCH'S RIGHT TO ACCESS TO MEDIA IS ACID TEST OF GOVERNMENT'S COMMITMENT TO POLITICAL PLURALISM.

3. REPUBLICA CASE REMAINS ESSENTIALLY AS REPORTED
REFTEL. WORKERS CONTINUE TO OCCUPY OFFICES AND RAUL REGO AND OTHER DIRECTORS ARE STILL ENGAGED IN INTERMITTENT AND FRUITLESS TALKS WITH COPCON OFFICERS. ANOTHER EDITION OF "O CASO DE REPUBLICA" -- THE SEVENTH SINCE THE PAPERS CLOSING ON MAY 21 -- WAS ON THE STREETS JUNE 22.

4. COMMENT: IT NOW ABUNDANTLY CLEAR TO ALL THAT A POLITICAL DECISION ON THE PART OF REVOLUTIONARY COUNCIL WILL BE REQUIRED TO BREAK IMPASSES IN BOTH CASES. NEITHER CHURCH NOR SOCIALISTS WILL GIVE IN. SOCIALISTS FOR THEIR PART HAVE MADE SATISFACTORY SETTLEMENT OF REPUBLICA CASE A SINE QUA NON OF CONTINUED PARTICIPATION IN GOVERNMENT.

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